## BRAKEMEN'S BROTHERHOOD.

Organizer Foster Tells Something About the Fraternity and Its Purposes.

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#### The Brakemen's Brotherhood.

Mr. L. C. Foster, jr., the grand organlzer and instructor of the Brotherhood of Railroad Brakemen, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Foster was in Omaha last September, and organized a lodge which is called the J. G. Boyd lodge, in honor of the Union Pacific train-master, who is very popular with the railroad boys.

"No," replied Mr. Foster to the question of a BEE reporter, "the object of our organization is not to control strikes. We never dictate terms to the companies, or to the members of the brotherhood regarding wages. We aim to furnish the railroad companies with a better class

brakemen, with sober, industrious and reliable men who can be depended upon. To become a member of the organization a man must have had at least one year's experience in braking, six months of which time must have been spent on a freight train. Drunkenness is not tolerated, and is met by a refusal of admis-

sion or a prompt expulsion.

The second object of the brotherhood is to care for the families of deceased. members, or provide for those who are disabled by accident. The preamble to the constitution explains the object in these words: "To unite the railroad brakemen of the western hemisphere; to promote their general welfare and advance their interests-social, moral and intellectual; to protect their families by the exercise of a systematic benevolence, ours, this fraternity has been organized."

"Yes," continued the speaker, "the railroad companies approve of the Broth-erhood and do all they can to further its interests. At first, as might be expected, they were not very enthusiastic, but as soon as they came to understand its object they were very strong in their endorsement and they now give the preference to Brotherhood men.

In support of his assertion the speaker produced passes over the Union Pacific, Northern Pacific, Oregon Railway & Navigation and Southern Pacific sys-

"Yes, the Brotherhood of Railroad Brakemen is a young organization, the first lodge having been organized at Oneonta, N. Y., on Sept. 23d, 1883. The growth of the first year was thirty-seven lodges, the second year it reached 161 and it now has 190 lodges having a memmership of between eight and nine thousand men.'

Mr. Foster is now on his way west where he will visit San Francisco, Portland, Tacoma and other points, forming new lodges and looking after the interests of the old ones, returning east by the way of New Orleans through the southern

## TALKS WITH TRAVELERS.

#### Short Interviews Gathered in the Hotel Rotundas.

W. G. Anson, Fort Robinson, Neb .: "The feeling in our section of the country that Fort Robinson ought to be retained is very strong. In the first place the country is settling up very fast, and the emigrants need protection from the Indians that locality Fort Robinson von know, is but a few miles from Pine Ridge agency, and is in just the position to watch the movements of the Sioux on that reservation. The post is exactly in the White Run valley, through which the Sioux always pour when they go westward to meet the Shoshones, Arapahoes, and other tribes, for organized raids. Fort Niobrara, 190 miles distant, could never guard this western outlet as does Fort Robinson. Another reason why we are anxious to re-tain the post is that it brings us a good deal of trade which otherwise we should not have—amounting in a year perhaps to \$100,000 or \$150,000. Yes, the country of northwestern Nebraska is settling up very fast. Immigration is pouring in at a wonderful rate."

J. G. Wood, Chullis, Idaho:-"I am on

J. G. Wood, Chullis, Idaho:—"I am on my way to Washington to confer with our delegate to congress, Mr. Hailey, to see if congress cannot be induced to take some action at its present session upon the Chief Joseph indemnity claims. What are these claims? In 1877 Chief Joseph and his Nez Perces followers, during one of his raids destroyed considerable property near Chullis. My loss erable property near Chullis. My loss was about \$10,000, and there are others of lesser amounts. As the government promised us protection and failed to give it, I believe they ought to indemnify us for our losses. Idaho is enjoying quite a healthy boom, and in common with the other western territories is being settled up rapidly. Our resources are our farm-ing lands—the finest in the world—our gold and silver mines, and our cattle ranches. We shall soon be ready to knock for admission into the Union."

## HIRING A HALL.

### The Changes Which a Few Years Have Wrought.

For the first time in many years the Burns club, of this city, on Monday night dispensed with the annual banquet with which they annually celebrate the birthday of their patron bard. The reason assigned for this was their inability to secure a hall which would justify the undertaking. This would seem to be a strange excuse, and yet, a canvass of the situation will demonstrate that it is founded on fact. Six years ago the Masonic hall, on the corner of Fifteenth and Capitol avenue, and Clark's, on Fifteenth and Dodge, were about the only halls in the city. As a consequence, they were rented almost nightly, even far into the later of the spring months, and, of course, were a source of great revenue to their owners. Central hall, almost opposite the latter, then sprang into exist-ence. This was followed by Crounse's, as large as both. Many marvelled when a gathering would be found which would be able to fill the latter. But it was found, and was, on frequent occasions, too large even for the hall. Then sprang up Cunningham's hall, down on Thir-teenth and Jackson, which was intended to draw parites from both divisions of the city. Falconer's followed, supplied with accommodations second to none in the city. The Light Guard's hall closes the list. But where are all these to-day? Central has been turned into a lodge room, Crounse's has been abandon-td, Falconer's has gone into the library business, Masonic into affording a retreat for ladies and gentlemen connected with the public schools. Of all these but Cun-ningham's, the Light Guard's and Clark's now run by the Metropolitan club, re-main. This would show one of two things, that hall building at various times is over done in this city or that the clizens are not so devoted to terpsichor-

ean amusement as hall builders would imagine. Whichever of these be the reason, it is certainly a fact that the social season thus far this year, especially with regard to club parties, has been one of the dullest in the recollection of some of our leading social men. Many of the latter hold that one of Omaha's needs at present is a good hall with modern im-provements, centrally located, which shall be able to withstand, not alone competition, but also the fickleness of the saltatory divinity.

CORLISS AND COUNTY BONDS. The Chairman of the County Board

Takes Some Exceptions. [To the Editor.] I have just read the semi-annual report of ex-County Treasurer Rush, also his comments on the same, and, on the whole, I think the matter needs a little explanation. The county's bonded indebtedness at present

\$285,000 in 8 per cent bonds. \$165,000 in 7 per cent bonds.

\$125,000 in 6 per cent bonds. The whole number of bonds voted were \$725,000, which shows \$150,000 paid. The \$125,000 6 per cent bonds are court house bonds due in twenty years. The 7 and 8 per cent bonds the commissioners can commence calling in any time after next year. The same law that allows the commissioners to levy a sinking fund allows them to refund county bonds at any rate of interest not to equeed 6 per cent per annum, and make them payable from one to twenty years. Now the commissioners did not think it policy to levy a burdensome tax on a city and county that was struggling to get to the front in the way of public improvements, to create a sink ing fund to pay a debt that should be shared by future generations. They had already paid \$150,000 without levying a special tax for the same. Now in regard to the sinking fund, it has been the custom of the commissioners to transfer to the sinking fund any balance not needed in other funds and take up bonds. For instance, for the year 1878, the bond sinking fund was used up as

Cash on hand Jan. 3, 1878. . \$7,600,95 Bridge fund 9,915,69 Poor fund 5,446,23
Road fund 2,079,33
Road and bridge fund 1,680,99

County sinking fund..... 

The funds above transferred would have belonged to the general fund if transferred strictly according to law and were needed in that fund. In regard to transferring all the balance

in the bond sinking fund to the general fund at the end af each year, it is a mistake. It was never done, except in the following year. The commissioner paid back into the general fund \$3,927.24. There was one more transfer from the sinking fund made when the commissioners bought the court house block, and it was well discussed at the time, but, if Mr. Rush had made a kick at that time, it could not have been done, and I don't think he was ever asked since to transfer anything that fund except to pay interest on bonds. Now in regard to the reduction in the levy for the sinking fund. As the valuation increased, we could reduce the levy and realize the same amount. The in-terest was all the commissioners wanted to pay. I still think a large sinking fund s unnecessary for Douglas county. The \$350,000 bonds could be paid in two years by selling the poor farm, but I think the best way would be to refund the bonds, and have them become due in installments, from five to ten years, from ten to fifteen years, and from fifteen to twenty years. Some might say that we would not realize as much for our bonds. as much for our bonds.
The commissioners tried it in selling the court house bonds. We advertised to sell to the highest and best bidder, to deliver all at once, or to deliver them in install-ments, as we needed money for the court Millard's was the best because we could save \$1,700 in interest. I don't claim to be a financier, and don't think any of the board could calulate an eclipse, but all want to do the best they can for the county. This refunding business ought to be talked up so that when the time

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comes that the bonds can be called in, the

commissioners will be posted in the mat-

## THE BURNS PARTY. Celebrating the Anniversary of the

Birth of Scotland's Bard. The 127th anniversary of the birth of Scotland's bard was celebrated Monda y evening in a fitting manner by the Burns club, which gave a grand concert and ball at Light Guard hall in commemoration of the event. There was a fair attendance, and both concert and ball were most enjoyable. The speeches and music echoed the sentiment of every true Scotch heart present; as expressed by Burns:

and free,
Loved Country! my bosom beats fondly for
thee;
They talk loud of lands that are fairer on To me there none like the land of my birth."

'Dear Scotia! thou land of the dauntless

The opening address was delivered by James Anderson, president of the Burns club, after which followed a solo by Miss Ida L. Gibson, a trio by Messrs. Robertson, Shand and Dunn, an address by Jno. L. Kennedy, a song by Miss Maggie Meldrum, a duct by Miss Belle Gewinner and W. O. Saunders, and a song by H. W. Dunn. Then followed the grand march, and a dancing programme of twenty-three numbers was joyously carried out. An elegant supper was served at the Gate City restaurant after which dancing was continued until

a late hour. The committees having the affair in charge were as follows:
Arrangements—Geo. Shand, Wm. Rob-ertson, Alex. Barr, Wm. Liddell, John S. Reception—Thos. Meldrum, David Knox, Wm. Liddell, James Anderson. Floor—John S. Innis, Geo. Shand, Wm.

Rutherford, Wm. Knox. We have \$20,000 to loan at low rates in sums of \$1,000 to \$10,000 if taken within ten days.

J. W. & E. L. Squire,

Council Bluffs.

Ex-Treasurer Rush's Books.

Commissioners O'Keefe and Timme were yesterday engaged in examining the descriptions of property contained in the books of Ex-Treasurer Rush for 1884, while Mr. Points was busily engaged in looking over the figures of the same gentleman's cash book. The task is a tedious one and requires exceeding care and

To Make Baking Powder.

Articles of incorporation of the Cox Chemical company were filed in the county clerk's office yesterday afternoon. The incorporators are Harrison S. Cox, Michael C. Meagher and Frank Kitterl, and the business of the company is stated to be the manufacture of baking powder and other chemical preparations. The capital stock is \$25,000 in shares of \$100 each, with 40 per cent of the stock paid

City Councilmen Indulge in More Loud Talk Than Sense Last Evening.

Sixteenth Street to Have a Viaduct and Fourteenth Street a Thirtyfoot Opening-Gas, Dogs, Etc.

The regular meeting of the city councilwas held last evening in the council chamber, President Bechel presiding and present members Bailey, Behm, Dailey, Goodman, Goodrich, Ford, Furay, Lee, Leeder, Schroeder, and Thane. The meeting was a long one, a great portion of the time being taken up by disputes and wrangles between some of the members. Considerable business was transacted, however, as follows:

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS. From the mayor, approving ce rtain ordmances passed at the last meeting.

From the mayor, appointing L. V. Morse, Reuben Allen and C. V. Gallagher appraisers to assess damages by a change of grade; also appointing John D. James a special policeman. Con-

From the city treasurer, stating that he had tendered payment of the awards of damages by the extension of Nicholas street from Twenty-third to Saunders street, and that Mary Gorman had refused to accept the same.

From the city marshal, reporting the suspension of Martin Shields from the

police force. Referred to the police committee. From the board of public works, sub-

mitting an abstract of the bidding for the proposed viaduct and reporting that after a careful consideration of all plans, and a full and free expression from Mr. and a full and free expression from Mr.
Rosewater, city engineer, Mr. Blickensderfer, chief engineer, and Mr. Smeed,
assistant of the Union Pacific, and Mr.
Weeks, of the Burlington & Missouri,
also W. L. Adams, jr., of the Belt Line
railway, they recommended that plan A. 20-foot roadway, of the Morse Bridge company of Youngstown, Ohio, be

Mr. Furay said that it had been hinted in the papers that there was some job-bery in connection with the letting of the contract to the Morse company. As he understood it, their plans were not accoording to the specifications, while others which were according to the specifications were lower. He did not understand it, and asked that Chairman House, of the board of public works, be heard on the matter. That gentleman responded, and informed the council that the plans of the Morse company were according to specifications, and all agreed that for the money they were the best plans submitted.

After some further discussion, a motion to refer the matter to the committee on viaducts and railroads prevailed.

From John Jenkins, submitting his bond as boiler inspector. Approved. From Cordelia Phelps, Catharine F. Hobson and J. Lafayette Curtis, offering to purchase at appraised value certain property belonging to the city. Referred. From managers of the coasting carnival, asking the privilege of the use of Dodge street from Fifteenth to Twentieth

street on Saturday evening. January 30, with the right to place the hill in shape for coasting, etc. The petition was From citizens, stating that the Chicago Lumber company is now building a ware-house which extends about twenty feet

the company be restrained from occupy-ing that portion of the street. Referred to the committee on police with power to act. From Tony Harrold, asking that a committee be appointed to investigate the cause which led to his removal from the fire department last December, also accompanied by a petition from lifteen members of the department asking for

into Fifteenth street, and petitioning that

Harrold's reinstatement.

Mr. Furay arose and asked if the fire marshal had the right to discharge a member of the department without re-ferring to the council. He did not be-lieve he had. The fire marshal, Mr. Furay thought, had only the same power as the city marshal, and that was to suspend and then refer to the council. Members Ford, Leeder and Behm expressed the same opinion. Mr. Furay also said that in the last two years not a single appointment to the fire department had been referred to the council.

Mr. Leeder further said that such ap-

pointments could not be legally made by the fire marshal. It was the mayor's business to make the appointments, and it was his fault that it had not been done. Mr. Lee said it was remarkable that the mayor should overlook such a matter, especially as he took so much interest in

appointments. Ford said that he was not surprised at Lee's bringing up the mayor's name, and he proceeded to defend the

The motion to refer the petition to the committee on fire and water works then prevailed. From the mayor, appointing George Graham as a policeman, vice Maurice Sullivan resigned. Referred.

RESOLUTIONS. By Bailey—That the mayor turn over to the city treasurer all deeds in his pos-sion that have been ordered made to parties who have bid for city land on Nicholas and cross streets, and that the city treasurer be instructed to notify the parties so bidding, and that upon the receipt of the amount of money offered in each bid he shall deliver up the deed. Adopted. By Behm—That the city clerk cause to be prepared a sufficient number of brass s to be attached to dog collars, and that the ordinance in regard to the matter be strictly enforced, after a notice had been published two weeks. Laid on the

By Schroeder-That the report of the special committee on viaduets presented to the council November 10 be now adopted, with the following amendment: "It is also understood that the contribution of the Union Pacific to the cost of the construction of the Sixteenth street viaduct shall not exceed \$20,000, or two-thirds of \$30,000, and that the mayor and city attorney be requested to enter into contract with the railroads in accordance

with that report.' This resolution called up the old question of opening up Fourteenth street, thirty feet under the railroads, which created considerable discussion. Mr, Furay moved to amend by making the opening fifty feet. In arguing the ques-tion Mr. Furay said that the fifty foot opening was better for the people than thirty feet. He could not see why any member should be in favor of the thirty foot opening unless he was carrying a chain about his neck and held in the power of a railroad company. Messrs. Behm, Leeder and Shroeder joined in the discussion, making various denials and assertions. The fifty foot amend-

ment was lost.
Mr. Furay then moved that so much of the report as referred to Fourteenth street be stricken out. This amendment was also lost by a vote of 8 to 4.

The vote on the original resolution was then taken, and resulted in its adoption. By Schroeder-That the city engineer be instructed to prepare a profile of Fwentieth street from Center street to the city limits in order to get grade es-tablished on said street. Adopted. By Furay—That the city attorney be instructed to report on the legality of the resolution adopted at the last meeting instructing the board of public works to

BLOWING BEFORE BUSINESS. | refuse the bids of parties employing pr son labor. Laid on the table. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Grades and Grading—That the protest against the narrowing of Harney street be laid upon the table for the present.

Adopted

Gas and Electric Lights-Submitting a Gas and Electric Lights—Submitting a substitute ordinance regulating the charge for gas in the city. Adopted.

Same—Recommending that the prices for gas be as follows: For street lamps per year, \$35, for gas for offices, etc., per 1,000 feet, \$1.50; also reporting that for the month of November the city gas bill exceeds by 40 per cent the bill for the same month during past years and ought to be cut down to the above prices; also recommending that the items for repairs recommending that the items for repairs be disallowed. Adopted. ORDINANCES

Establishing the fire limits of the city of Omaha. Passed. Declaring the opening of Nicholas street from Twenty-third street to Saun-

ders street. Passed. Opening Jefferson street from Chicago to Cuming street by dedicating to the public use all real estate belonging to the city within a distance of eighty feet east of the section line between sections 15 and 16. Passed.

Omaha and fixing the price at \$1.75 per 1,000 feet for water gas of 16-candle power. Recommitted to the committee on gas and electric lights.

After the passage of several minor or-

Regulating the sale of gas in the city of

dinances the council adjourned.

Snow Instead of Rain. Monday evening, and late into the night the prospect of a heavy thaw was recognized by everybody. By way of preparation and to avoid a flood to cellars, the ditches were cleared so as to leave an uninterrupted waterway, while the snow was shoveled into the middle of the streets and in some instances carried away.

Early yesterday morning, the atmosphere became more sharp, the moisture congealed, and for a short time cutting hail fell in large quantities. At 5:45 a. m. this was changed into snow and at 7 o'eloek into a light rain. At 9 o'eloek a wet snow commenced to fall and contin ued during the day and evecing The storm was too late affect to any of the trains, all of which came in and departed on time, and with goodly loads of pas-

The street car company kept their plows busy during the day, and found exceeding difficulty in keeping the half frozen particles from falling upon the

The storm extended to Yankton and generally throughout the Missouri valley. There was little wind but the entire re gion was darkly clouded. The temperature dropped from about 20° to 18° noon, with the probability of a greater fall and colder weather as evening advanced. At last reports, the wind was freshening from the north.

Ex-County Officers' Books.

The investigation which is now being made into the condition of ex-Treasurer Rush's accounts, it is claimed, will be continued, when those are finished, upon the books of all the county officers who recently retired from their position. This determination was made last summer when a deficit was found in the office of County Clerk Leavitt; and, though the commissioners and Mr. Points have not made much headway yet, it was known some of the county dignitaries overhauled their books to know in just what manner they could afford to court investigation. All these men have now retired from of fice, and it cannot be told when they will be put on the rack.

American and European national character masks at MAX MEYER & CO'S

A Coasting Carnival. A score of young men met at the store of Collins, Gordon & Kay last night to coasting carnival. O. H. Gordon presided. Every one agreed that the coasting carnival was badly needed. It was decided, accordingly, to hold it Saturday

night on Dodge street.

The following committees were appointed to push the matter:
On Arrangements—O. P. McCarty, Dr. W. P. Wilcox, P. E. Robinson, Lucian Stephens, W. S. Rogers, Arthur Guiou and R. W. Patrick. On Finance—C. H. Gratton, W. P. Wilcox, H. Cremer, W. Morford, G. L. Barney, Arthur Guiou.

The largest and finest assortment of German and French masks is to be found at MAX MEYER & CO'S., 11th & Fanam.

He Robbed Himself. An individual named G. D. Reed complained to the police last evening that he had been robbed of his pocketbook in a colored bagnio at Ninth street and Capitol avenue. A raid was accordingly made on the place with the patrol wagon, and all of the inmates taken to the central police station. They were Fannie Gray, Mollie Price, Grace Lewis and George Smith. A thorough search of the entire party failed to produce the pocketbook, but later the missing property was found in Reed's own pocket. He was locked up on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Masks and masqverade trimmings at MAX MEYER & CO'S., 11th & Farnam.

A Peace-Maker's Fate.

John Lundy came into police court yesterday with a look of deep trouble on his face.

"I wants a warrant," he said, "for a man wot has a dog as has bit my boy. The dog is ugly-mighty ugly, and nearly bit the whole elbow off me boy."

Mr. Lundy, who lives near Sixth and Spruce streets, did not know the name of the man who owned the dog, but knew where he lived. Accordingly Officer Turnbull accompanied him thither with a warrant for the owner of the canine. The man could not be found, however, and when Officer Turnbull came to in vestigate the affair, he found that the dog was hardly to blame for plunging his teeth in the young man's clow. It seems the boy had hitched him (the dog) with another canine and was driving them on the ice to a diminutive cutter. Everything went nicely until the two dogs met two other fellow canines. A challenge to mortal combat was given and ac-cepted, the dogs broke out of harness and soon the air was full of flying hair, bits of tails, ears, teeth, etc. Young Lundy interfered as peacemaker and was bitten by one of the dogs, who did not appreciate bis services. The wound is not seri-

Olls.

The Mail Robber. Malvin Teitsort, the Kennard postoffice thief, was brought to Omaha yesterday and given a hearing before United States Commissioner Anderson. He was held in the sum of \$500, but was unable to secure bonds and was locked up at the county jail. As Teitsort admits his guilt he will be taken to Lincoln in a day or two and receive sentence by Judge Dun-dy now holding court there. The authorities are now looking for a compaion of Teitsort's who is said to be implicated in the robbery.

The Pacific Telegraph Company. The Pacific Telegraph company have erected a new counter around their table in the Millard rotunds, behind their operator, W. C. Blake, who receives and dispatches their messages. The business of the company is improving.

JOHN G. BRUNER. of an Esteemed Nebraska

Pioneer.

John G. Bruner, an old and respected citizen of Cuming county, says the West Point Progress, died on the 19th day of January, 1886, at the residence his son, Hon. Uriah Bruner, with whom his parents made their home ever since they came to Nebraska. He was born June 24, 1802, in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, about fifty miles north of Philadelphia. He was married to Judith Erdman, who survives him, August 18, 1825. Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bruner came to Omaha, Nebraska, nineteen years ago, and moved to West Point in 1871, where they have since resided. Mr. Bruner was very energetic and active up to within a short time of his death. For the last year he was troubled with rheumatism, and about five months ago became partially paralyzed, since which time he was confined to his room. He gradually became more enfeebled until death came to his

In politics, he was a Jacksonian demoerat until 1856, having east his first vote for president for Andrew Jackson, in 1824. He filled numerous positions of trust, some of which were as follows: In 1830 1830 he was, by Governor George Wolf, of Pennsylvania, commissioned as licuten-ant of the Washington troop of cavalry and was made adjutant of his regiment. In 1839, he was appointed deputy United States marshal of the eastern district of Pennsylvania. In 1856, he was one of the Fremont electors of Pennsylvania. Since his removal to this state he was elected probate judge of Cuming county, but, on account of his declining years, he failed to qualify for the office. He was also a life-long member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having joined their order in 1842. He was in the employ of the American Tract society as col porteur for a long time. In church and chool matters he always took an activ interest. Prior to the adoption of the public school system, the schools the Keystone state outside of the larger cities, did not take that high position they do at present. The want of proper school facilities were but an inentive to Mr. Bruner, urging him to pro vide good schools for the neighborhood, and he used his influence in procuring the best talent for teachers, and often guaranteed their pay.
Mr. and Mrs. Bruner had eleven chil-

dren, of whom there are eight living. Mrs. Caroline E. More now living in Kansas, Mrs. Capt. Jacob Swartzlander, Hon. T. C. Bruner, Prof. James B. Bruner. Charles E. Bruner, all of Omaha, Mrs. J. J. Riley of Schuyler, John J. Bruner of Oakdale and Uriah Bruner of West Point, Of fifty-four grandchildren forty two are living, and of forty-five great grandchildren thirty-four are living. His grandfather emigrated from Germany and settled in eastern Pennsylvania when the country was yet an unbroken wilderness. One brother that came with him to this country settled in eastern Virginia and one further west. His father helped to lay the founda-tion of our government and fought in the ranks for its independence. Four of his sons, John J., Charles E., T. C. and Professor James B. fought in the ranks for the preservation of the Union in the late civil war. John J. was severely wounded in the battle of the Wilderness late civil war. John J. and still at times suffers great pain from

T. C. had several providential escapes from rebel bullets at Antietam and Chanellorsville. Mr. Bruner lived and died in the faith

of the Christian religion. The obsequies were held on Saturday, January 23, and were largely attended by his many friends and neighbors, by whom he was held in nigh esteem.

OMAHA'S ICE PALACE. A Novel Structure on the River Bottoms.

St. Paul boasts of her mammoth ice St. Paul boasts of her mammoth ice palace, with its 20,000 blocks of crystal. Omaha already has one which is every whit as artistically built as that in the Minnesota capital, and is far more useful. It stands on the river bottoms near the B. & M. tracks, several hundred feet below the bridge. It is occupied by a Norwegian ice cutter and his family, who live therein as comfortably as though they were housed in a structure of regu-

lation material and pattern.

The proprietor and landiord of this strange establishment is a foreigner who came to this country but a few months ago, and is hardly able to speak a word of English. He brought his wife and two children to Omaha, where he procured work cutting ice. He had no place to keep his family, and accordingly determined to build a house out of ice One day, while the men were on a strike and there was no work to do, he bor rowed tools and cut a large number of cakes of ice of regulation size and shape. These he placed on top of each other until the four walls had reached a height of perhaps ten feet. The top was boarded over, with rough pieces of planks a hole was cut through to admit a stove pipe, a rough doorway was hewed through the ice and the novel mansion was complete. The crevices have been filled with snow and pounded ice and are now completely obliterated. The inside walls have been hung with heavy tar-paper, so as to prevent the heat of the stove from melting the walls. In fact the "ice palace" is quite as comfortable as an ordinary house, and the Norwegian and his family live therein as "snug as a bug in a rug.'

PAID DEARLY FOR THE WHISTLE. The Watch Thief Fined \$100 and

Costs-Police Court Notes. Frank Mears, a yery flip young man with a well known record as an expert sneak thief, was brought before Judge Stenberg yesterday to answer the charge of larceny of a watch from Raymond's jewelry store Monday. There was nothing for him to do but to plead guilty, and accordingly he did so with the best grace possible. The judge fined him \$100 and costs, which means 100 days in the county jail; the last ten and the first ten days of this sentence Mears will banquet on bread and water. Mears used to run several "fakir" games here last summer, and was driven out of town. He has not been in the city since that

G. D. Reed paid a fine of \$5 and costs for disturbing the peace. John Dailey, who was released in po-lice court Monday on a charge of vagrancy was arraigned yesterday for drunk enness. He was sentenced to sixty days in the county jail.

Frank McMurphy charged with stealing four chickens, was fined \$10 and costs. Several drunks were released. A Musical Success.

The first of three musicales given in

the Dodge street Presbyterian church, by

W. T. Taber, organist, and L. M. Bartlett, tenor, occurred Monday evening. The programme was made up of first-class selections and gave ample evidence of the ability of the two gentlemen in their respective elements as artists. Mr. Taber's efforts were of a high order, his orchestration and execution being fully up to the standard he has shown on former occasions. Mr. Bartlett demonstrated the fact that he is a tenor possessed of a good voice, clear and strong, and uses it to good advantage; his songs were well chosen and executed with marked style

and expression. The audience, though small in numbers, was an appreciative one, and listened to the entire programme with undivided attention. The young men are to be congratulated on the success of their first musicale and it is hoped that a larger audience will be present at the next one, which occurs next Monday evening, Feb. 1st.

Receiving Their Commissions. County Judge McCulloch yesterday rendered a decision in the case of Edwin Davis vs A. D. Jones, a suit to recover \$425 for the sale of the Buckingham property. His judgement was for

The jury in the case of W. G. Shriver vs Edholm & Erickson returned a ver-dict of \$162.50 for the plaintiff. Mr. Shriver@claimed to have made a sale of property which, it is alleged, the defendants refused to recognize.

plaintiff. Mr. Jones gave notice of ap-

A Policeman Sued. Suit was commenced in the district

court yesterday by Edward Wilson against Martin Shields, the suspended policeman, and his bondsmen, John O'Connell and Henry Speigle, for \$2,000. Wilson is the man who was arrested by Shields January 13, without, as the for-mer claims, any provocation. The officer was suspended from the police force by the marshal on the charges made by Wil-They Hit the Old Man.

The trial of Samuel Willuhn and his step-sons, Frank and George Rapke, for disturbing the peace, occupied the time in police court yesterday afternoon, and resulted in the old man being discharged and the boys fined \$5 and costs each. Wiliuhn is the man who has commenced suit against his wife for divorce, alleging cruelly on her part and the part of her

The Thurstons' Ball.

Arrangements for the grand mask ball of J. M. Thurston hose company on Wednesday night, Feb. 10, are progressing finely, and nearly all the details are completed. The affair will take place at Turner and Metz halls, it being anticipated that neither one of the commodious structures will hold the throngs which will attend. The ball will undoubtedly be a grand affair, and a night of pleasure is promised to all who attend.

Beautifying the Millard.

The Millard hotel is again receiving some beautiful touches at the hands of accomplished artists. The square of ceiling immediately outside the dining room and over the main stairway is being prepared in light and tasty colors with floriated borders and artistic designs. The walls will be reduced from their present to a lighter tint, which is intended to harmonize nicely with the ceiling. The whole will be a decided improvement to the space selected.

Left the Cabby.

One of Stephenson's cabmen, who had grown tired of waiting for a passenger to return from the B. & M. depot yesterday to pay his cab fare, rushed to the baggage-room to seize the traveler's luggage and found that the traveler and luggage had skipped off on the train to Kansas City. Words were inadequate to express City. Words were inadequate to che depth of that cabby's feelings.

Judge Thurston is recovering from his ecent severe attack of diptheria.

Among the three Johns mentioned in yesterday's BEE as being arrested while drunk and disorderly was John McGriel. John says this is a mistake, as he was not drunk, and the charge against him was interfering with an officer.

Mr. Geo. Canfield, of the Canfield house left Monday night for Fremont where the hotel account of \$100 which is due him. The U. P. Band will give their third annual masquerade ball, February 10th at Light Guard's and Metropolitan halls. The band will parade through the streets in the afternoon, a la Mardi Gras and all usiness men are invited to participate This will no doubt be the finest event in

this line of the season. A little five-year-old girl, daughter of Mr. Showlove, residing on Webster street, wandered away from home Monday and caused her parents several hours of anxiety. She was found on the street and taken to the rooms of the Woman's Christian Aid association, where her fath

er discovered her in the evening. A few errors were made in the statement regarding the litigation over the effects of the late F. V. Adams. The correct version is as follows: Mr. William T. Lyon was in charge of the rooms during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Start. The goods were replevined from Mr Lyon during their absence. When they returned the goods were left in then charge to secure payment of room rent. Yesterday the goods, under a decision of the court, were returned to Mr. Lyon, and the matter will be settled. He had interest in the rooms.

The genial police court officer Mike Whalen, received by express a large trunk yesterday, apparently consigned from Chicago. "I am pretty sure," he remarked as he was about to open the trunk, "that this is my Christmas box sent me by the many friends I made in thicago when I was chief of police there. Just then the lid flew.open, and his as tonished gaze fell upon a choice asment of old boots and shoes glass bottles, brickbats, and general back-alley bric-a-brae. Some of "the boys" had put up a job on him. Whalen is now distributing the eigars.

Personal Paragraphs. Mrs. Geo. Canfield left yesterday for Pennsylvama to visit relatives. George H. Foote, Kansas City: Samuel Disston, Philadelphia; L. D. Girard, St. Louis; L. D. Pierce, Denver, are at the Millard.

Miss Viola Allen, Mrs. August A. Fos-ter, Miss Genevieve Beaman, and Miss Maud Dixon, members of Salvini's com-pany, are stopping at the Millard. T. C., J. B., and C. E. Brunner re-turned from West Point yesterdayafter atendance upon the obsequies of their father.

Charles Jackson, New York; William J. Cook, Philadelphia; William A. Boland, Chicago, and W. H. Haskell, Chicago, are at the Paxton.



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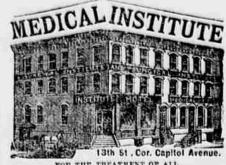
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